Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Most of the persons who have been appointed are rubber experts.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Are there no rubber experts other than those appointed?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: There may be.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know why no Ezhavas have been appointed?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Because there were no qualified hands among them.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know why he could not find applicants from Ezhava communities when there were applicants from several other communities?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: There were only three appointments and therefore they could not be divided among all communities.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: In view of the fact that there were 3 appointments, why not he find place for one Ezhava.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Of the two Nairs who were appointed by the Government one is an engineer and the other is a man trained in rubber manufacture.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether there were not qualified Ezhava applicants?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: No.

Mr. K. P Nilakanta Pillai: In the matter of appointments in factories, whether rubber factories or other factories, I want to know whether communal representation has been accepted?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Yes, if qualified men are available among various communities.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know whether there were any applications from qualified Nanjinad Vellalas?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: There is already a Vellala appointed there.

President: He wants to know whether a *Nanjinad* Vellala has been appointed. Next question, please.

Clerks in the Offices of the Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officers.

109. ***Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table, a statement, by caste of clerks, permanent and acting, now in the offices of the Divisional Forest Officers and the Conservator of Forests?

Mr. T. C. Thomman: The statement* containing the information is placed on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix—XIV—page 254.

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